

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Flow Paint reservoir system for a paint spray gun ~~with~~ including a container (1) and a cover (2) that can be set on the container and that has an attachment part (3) for setting the flow paint reservoir system on the paint spray gun or on an adapter, for gravity feed of the paint from the container to the spray gun, characterized in that ~~a defined region (5)~~ an element, readily puncturable by a pointed tool, is formed in the wall (4) of the container (1) for establishing a sealed but readily puncturable ventilation opening, wherein ~~said region can be punctured with a pointed tool (6) for forming a ventilation opening~~ said element defines a guidance surface that is used for engaging and guiding the pointed tool when the ventilation opening is being punctured.
2. (Currently Amended) Flow Paint reservoir system according to Claim 1, characterized in that the ~~defined region (5)~~ element can be punctured more easily than ~~the other region of the container wall (4)~~.
3. (Currently amended) Flow Paint reservoir system according to Claim 1, characterized in that the ~~defined region is formed by~~ element includes a membrane (7), which consists of a material with lower strength than the material of the container wall (4) and/or which has a smaller thickness than that of ~~the region (4a) of the container wall (4) surrounding it~~.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) Flow Paint reservoir system according to Claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, characterized in that the guidance surface (9a) is formed by ~~the inner side of a~~ an inside wall (9) of a hollow cylinder (8) that stands standing essentially perpendicular to the container wall (4) and which serves as the element .
6. (Currently amended) Flow Paint reservoir system according to Claim 1 ~~5~~,

characterized in that the wall (9) of the hollow cylinder (8) projects into the interior of the container (4).

7. (Canceled) .

8. (Currently amended) A kit ~~Pointed tool~~ according to Claim 12 ~~7~~, characterized in that the shaft (10) is cylindrical and at least the beginning part (14) of the shaft bordering the head part (11), or the entire shaft (10), extends conically to the head part (11).

9. (Currently amended) A kit ~~Pointed tool~~ according to Claim 12 ~~7~~, characterized in that the at least one recess (13) extends in the longitudinal direction of the shaft (10) over an extent (H) that corresponds to approximately half the shaft length.

10. (Currently amended) A kit ~~Pointed tool~~ according to Claim 12 ~~7~~ one of Claims 7 9, characterized in that two circular catch edges, arranged at a distance from each other, are provided on the shaft periphery.

11. (Currently amended) A kit ~~Pointed tool~~ according to Claim 10, characterized in that the at least one recess ~~or each recess~~ (13) extends in the longitudinal direction of the shaft at least between the two catch edges (15, 16) and preferably outward beyond these edges.

12. (Currently amended) A kit comprising a paint ~~Paint-reservoir system~~ for a paint spray gun. ~~consisting of a flow reservoir~~ according to Claim 1 and a pointed tool (6), wherein the pointed tool has a shaft (10), a head part (11) arranged on the shaft, and a point (12) at the end of the shaft, ~~on whose periphery~~ at least one recess (13) is provided on the shaft periphery, the pointed tool for puncturing a ventilation opening in the wall (4) of the container ~~paint-reservoir~~ for the paint spray gun, wherein, after the ventilation opening has been punctured, the at least one recess (13) forms a ventilation channel when the pointed tool (6) is pushed into the opening far enough that the at least one recess (13) is located at the height of the region (4a) of juxtaposed to the container wall (4) bordering the ventilation opening.

13. (Currently amended) A kit ~~Paint-reservoir system~~ according to Claim 12, characterized in that the pointed tool (6) is attached to the cover (2) by a tear-off bracket (17).

14. (New) In a paint reservoir system for a paint spray gun including a flow reservoir composed of a container for paint closed by a cover having an attachment part for

setting the system on the paint spray gun directly or indirectly via an adapter for gravity feed of the paint from the container to the spray gun and a device for ventilating the container during gravity feed of the paint to the spray gun, the improvement wherein the ventilation device comprises in combination a hollow cylinder having a central axis, an outer surface and an inner surface that bounds and defines an interior space having a preselected cross section and shape, said hollow cylinder integrally formed with a wall of the container with its central axis essentially perpendicular to the container wall and defining a passageway through said wall, a readily puncturable membrane mounted in the hollow cylinder closing the passageway in a liquid-tight manner, and a pointed tool readily detachably mounted on the paint reservoir system for forming a ventilation opening through said puncturable membrane, said pointed tool including an elongated shaft having a cross section and shape substantially the same as the preselected cross section and shape of the interior space, said shaft being pointed at one end and having a head of greater cross section than the preselected cross section of the interior space mounted to its other end, said shaft being profiled to define a ventilation opening between its ends, said inner surface of said hollow cylinder providing a guidance surface for the pointed end of said shaft, whereby when the pointed tool is detached from said paint reservoir system and inserted into the hollow cylinder, the pointed end engages the inner surface of the hollow cylinder and is positively guided by said guidance surface to puncture said membrane, and thereafter, to reside normally at rest in said hollow cylinder in one of two stable positions, in a first stable position to be partially withdrawn to enable ventilation of the container, and in a second stable position with the head of the shaft in liquid-tight engagement with the hollow cylinder.

15. (New) In a paint reservoir system according to Claim 14 wherein the pointed tool is detachably mounted to the cover by a tear-off bracket.